

REMARKS

Claims 68-71 are pending in the application. Claims 69-71 are allowed. Claim 68 stands rejected as anticipated by Mosier U.S. 4,649,688.

The rejection of Claim 68 is based upon Mosier's stirrup type strap member shown in Fig. 4 and 4. The Examiner's annotation of Mosier Fig. 4 provides a depiction of the rejection. In Mosier, the stirrup type strap member is "formed of a flat bar extending upward along the longitudinal vertical plane formed by the wide sides of strut 24 to a point of securement, a flat horizontal plane base 66, and a return bend forming the arm 68 including a vertically sloping diagonal section 70 terminating in flange 72" (Col. 4, ll. 48-53).

Claim 68, however, recites, *inter alia*, "... said bracket comprising a pair of substantially perpendicular attachment faces interconnected by a pair of substantially perpendicular chord engaging faces. . . ." In contrast, the attachment faces of Mosier identified in the rejection are parallel, and in fact, one face overlies the other. The first attachment face relied upon is terminating flange 72. The second attachment face relied upon is the flat bar extending upward along the longitudinal vertical plane upon which flange 72 terminates. The flange 72 overlies the other portion asserted to be an attachment face and thus is clearly parallel, not substantially perpendicular, to the other portion. Thus the stirrup strap 62 disclosed in Mosier does not anticipate Claim 68.

Moreover, Claim 68 recites that one of said attachment faces be "adapted to overlie the upper surface of said base for attachment thereto." In contrast, Mosier implements a stirrup strap 62 for attaching a truss web member (strut) 24 to a truss chord

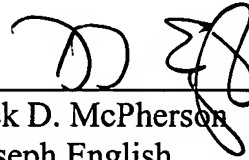
member 22 and contains no attachment face adapted for attachment to the upper surface of a base. Clearly, Mosier does not anticipate or make obvious Claim 68 and withdrawal of the rejection is solicited.

New Claims 72-80 have been added. No new matter has been added.

Consideration and allowance of Claims 72-80 is solicited.

A further and favorable action and allowance of all claims is solicited.

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